

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-27 stand rejected. Claims 1, 3, 8, 13, 18, and 23 are amended. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

The Applicants' invention gives the user the ability to enjoy and utilize musical content according to a variety of different "representation modes." In the final office action, the Examiner took the position that the Erickson reference teaches "representation modes" because Erickson provides selection of modes such as "print permission," "formatting," and "open/view," which the Examiner considered to amount to "representation modes." These are not the same thing as the "representation modes" used in Applicants' invention, however,

The Examiner has correctly noted that terminology used by the Applicants' in their claims must be read in light of the specification; however, the Examiner also has noted that limitations from the specification are not to be read into the claims.

Therefore, in order to make it more clear that Applicants' representation modes are of an entirely different character from the modes discussed in Erickson, the independent claims have been amended to add a specific recitation regarding what is meant by representation modes. Representation modes are:

selected from the group consisting of MIDI data, WAVE data, music parts, music movements, music phrases, melody parts, accompaniment parts,

rhythm parts, music lyrics, scores, piano music, tablature music, displayed sheet music, and printed sheet music.

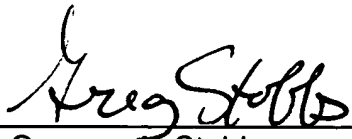
In view of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now fully distinguish Applicants' invention from the art cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants' respectfully request reconsideration, and submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

#### CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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